NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING FOR PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO INTERSTATE 440 (CLIFF BENSON BELTLINE) FROM SOUTH OF WALNUT STREET (S.R. 1313) IN CARY TO NORTH OF WADE AVENUE (S.R. 1728) IN RALEIGH

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, November 12, 2014, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Method Road Community Center - Pioneers Building, located at 514 Method Road in Raleigh.

NCDOT has begun the planning and analysis work for project number U-2719, the proposed widening and improvements of the Cliff Benson Beltline (I-440) and its interchanges from south of Walnut Street in Cary to north of Wade Avenue in Raleigh. The project is approximately 3.5 miles long.

The project section has four through lanes, while north and south of the project have six through lanes. The 'bottlenecks' created on both ends by this lane reduction regularly experience congestion, and traffic volumes are predicted to increase in the future. Preliminary design alternatives will be presented at this meeting.

NCDOT representatives will be available in an informal, open house-style setting to answer questions and gather public input regarding the proposed project. The opportunity to submit written comments or questions will be provided, and is encouraged. Citizens may attend at any time during the meeting hours. A short video showing the need for the project will be shown, but there will not be a formal presentation.

The public can view maps displaying the location and design concept for the project, online at http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/i-440improvements.

For more information, contact Diane Wilson from the NCDOT Project Development and Environmental Analysis Unit at (919) 707-6073, or via email at pdwilson1@ncdot.gov.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in this workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Ms. Wilson as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made.

For persons who speak Spanish and do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English, interpretive services will be available at the meeting upon request. For more information, please call 1-800-481-6494 prior to the meeting.